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SUBJ: GREEK ELECTION CAMPAIGN ENDS WITH MASS RALLY FOR
CARAMANLIS

1. SUMMARY: PRIME MINISTER CARAMANLIS ADDRESSED MASS
RALLY IN CONSTITUTION SQUARE NOVEMBER 15 WINDING UP
ELECTORAL CAMPAIGN. GEORGE MAVROS, CU/NF, MADE FINAL
APPEAL TO ELECTORATE OVER NATIONAL TV. ANDREAS
PAPANDREOU, PASOK, ENDED HIS CAMPAIGN IN EASTERN ISLANDS
OF AEGEAN. EDE CANDIDATE JOHN TSIRIMOKOS WELL KNOWN TO
EMBASSY DIED OF HEART ATTACK. END SUMMARY.

2. IN MASS RALLY WHICH PRESS DESCRIBED AS LARGEST
POPULAR GATHERING OF CAMPAIGN, PRIME MINISTER CARAMANLIS
APPEALED TO NEW DEMOCRACY SUPPORTERS FOR SWEEPING
MAJORITY TO PROVIDE SOLID BASE FOR ADDRESSING NATION'S
PROBLEMS. SPEAKING AGAINST AT TIMES DROWNING ROAR
OF CROWD WHICH FILLED CONSTITUTION SQUARE SPILLING OUT
INTO CONNECTING STREETS CARAMANLIS DEFINED ND TARGETS AS
"NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE, NATIONAL SECURITY, AND NATIONAL
POWER" -- "BUT WHAT IS NEEDED MOST IS AN ARMY... WHICH
MUST BE THE PRIDE AND THE SHIELD OF THE NATION." NEW
DEMOCRACY LEADER ADDED THAT HE DENOUNCED CERTAIN
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POLITICIAN WHO CHARGED GOG PLOTTED AGAINST CYPRUS AND

DECLARED THAT NO SECRET AGREEMENT ON CYPRUS PROBLEM EXISTS. BEFORE PRIME MINISTER'S 35-MINUTE SPEECH BUGLE CALL SILENCED CROWD FOR MINUTE OF SILENCE FOR POLYTECHNION DEAD. RALLY WAS NOTABLE FOR PRESENCE OF BOTH OLDER, WELL-HEELED GREEKS AND YOUNG, ALL AS ENTHUSIASTIC AS MORE YOUTHFUL GATHERINGS FOR PASOK AND UNITED LEFT. SLOGANS WERE ORIGINAL AND PRIMARILY DIRECTED AGAINST PAPANDREOU SUCH AS "ANDREAS, CIA, BETRAYAL," "NOT AN AMERICAN BUT GREEK PM" AND "ANDREAS TO DAFNI" (ATHENS INSANE ASYLUM.) EARLIER IN DAY PM MET CORRESPONDENTS AS PRESS CENTER IN GRANDE BRETAGNE AND REMARKED THAT ELECTIONS ARE UNFOLDING IN CLIMATE OF TRANQUILITY AND MODERATION. HE REPLIED TO QUERY ON HIS GOVERNMENT'S MOST IMPORTANT TASK THAT "I AM MORE PROUD OF RESTORING DEMOCRACY AND HOLDING ELECTIONS, THAN WINNING THEM."

3. GEORGE MAVROS, CU/NF, IN FINAL TELEVISION ADDRESS CRITICIZED GOG DECISION TO POSTPONE CONVENING PARLIAMENT AS INDICATION OF STATE OF NERVOUSNESS. HE CONCLUDED BY BESEECHING VOTERS TO LOOK CAREFULLY AT THEIR SLATES BEFORE VOTING ON NOVEMBER 17, HAVING REMARKED EARLIER THAT OVER 100 CANDIDATES OF NEW DEMOCRACY COLLABORATED OR GAVE ASSISTANCE TO THE "1965 ADVENTURE WHEN THE 53 PERCENT MAJORITY WAS OVERTHROWN."

4. PASOK CAMPAIGN WOUND DOWN WITH ANDREAS PAPANDREOU IN MYTILENE AND CHIOS AGAIN EXHORTING VOTERS THAT GREEK DEMOCRACY MUST BE SECURE FROM FOREIGN OPPRESSORS, FOREIGN MULTINATIONAL CAPITAL AND FROM FOREIGN "PROTECTORS," WHETHER THEIR CENTER IS IN WASHINGTON, LONDON, ROME OR PARIS." HE DESCRIBED HIS ECONOMIC PROGRAM AS "SOCIALISM WHICH DOES NOT EXPROPRIATE BUT PROTECTS THE POPULAR ECONOMY." PASOK PROVISIONAL CENTRAL COMMITTEE ISSUED STATEMENT EARLIER IN DAY CHARGING THAT POSTPONING OPENING OF PARLIAMENT INDICATED CLEARLY THAT SETTLEMENT OF MONARCHY ISSUE WAS BEING PLANNED IN MANNER SERVING PURPOSES OF NEW DEMOCRACY.

5. JOHN TSIRIMOKOS' DEATH BY HEART ATTACK NOVEMBER 15
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WAS REPORTED WIDELY IN NEWS MEDIA. TSIRIMOKOS WAS WELL KNOWN TO EMBASSY AS CU DEPUTY ACTIVE IN POST WORLD WAR II PARLIAMENTS INHERITING LIBERAL MANTLE OF HIS FATHER ELIAS TSIRIMOKOS, ONE OF CU'S FOUNDERS. AS RESULT OF JOHN TSIRIMOKOS' CONVERSATIONS WITH PAPADOPOULOS HE WAS EXLUDED FROM CU SLATE AND COMPELLED TO SEEK PARLIAMENTARY SEAT ON NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC UNION SLATE.

6. POLYTECHNION MEMORIAL DEMONSTRATION COMMEMORATING
ANNIVERSARY OF RIOTS WHICH PRECIPITATED FALL OF
PAPADOPOULOS REGIME INITIALLY PLANNED FOR NOVEMBER 15
WAS RESCHEDULED FOR NEXT WEEK. HOWEVER, GROUP OF ABOUT
2,000 MAOIST STUDENTS AND OTHERS HELD GATHERING
NOVEMBER 15 AT ABOUT 1800 HOURS LOCAL TIME, AND MARCHED
THROUGH ATHENS TO SUBURB KAISARIANI "FIRING RANGE"
WHERE GERMAN TROOPS EXECUTED GREEKS DURING WORLD WAR II.

6. COMMENT. EMBASSY HAS NO REASON TO ALTER ITS
ESTIMATES OF PROBABLE RESULTS OF TOMORROW'S ELECTIONS
(ATHENS 8235) AS RESULT OF LAST NIGHT'S WIND-UP
ACTIVITIES IN ELECTORAL CAMPAIGN. KUBISCH

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